

Patent Application
Docket No. P14707US1

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for his report. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1 - 55 are currently pending in the application.

Five groups of claims were identified in the pending application. The Applicants traverse the rejection. However, in order to provide a complete reply to the pending restriction requirement, Group I consisting of original claims 1-14 is hereby elected with traverse.

Claims 15-32 and 38-41, corresponding to a portion of Group II, Group III and Group V, are hereby cancelled without prejudice to the Applicants.

While the Applicants do not agree with the Examiner appreciation of the unity of the invention, all the remaining independent claims 1, 33 and 42 were amended. This will help to further emphasize the relationship therebetween and hopefully expedite prosecution of the patent application. The claims left in the applications are therefore from Group I consisting of claims 1-14, a second portion of Group II consisting of claims 42-55 and Group IV consisting of claims 33-37.

As mentioned by the Examiner, Groups I, II and IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. However, the Applicants submit that the subcombinations are not usable separately. Furthermore, the amendment done by the Applicants removed the visual interface to mobile subscriber account services seen by the Examiner in the original set of claims.

As can further be appreciated, all independent claims 1, 33 and 42 share common technical features in at least the form of an account manager. The common features of the account manager shared by all independent claims include service credential sent to a User, user credential sent to a service provider and an accounting message received from the service provider.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for favourable action.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the present amendment or present patent application, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (514) 345-7900 ext. 2596.

Respectfully submitted,

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